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NEW
Gladiolus

PEARSON GLAD GARDENS

WILLIAM LEE PEARSON

KEYSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Somehow we overlooked getting photographs of the Pearson originations last summer, so the best way of introducing Mr. Pearson to glad lovers is by showing his own picture. It was taken some years ago, so you are at liberty to imagine a few wrinkles here and there and visualize some gray hairs also, but please don't be too hard on the poor fellow, because really he's not so bad looking—after dark.

SHENANDOAH

Having lived at one time in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, Mr. Pearson had witnessed the gorgeous beauty of the autumn leaves in that area, so when his seedling SHENANDOAH appeared in his garden with its wonderfully rich and entrancing combination of autumn colors it seemed the most natural thing to call it Shenandoah. But its lovely coloring is by no means all that it has. Florets are $5\frac{1}{2}$ " across, with 8 or more open at one time. Always straight and placement good. Exhibition type. Parentage, Marmora x Mother Machree.

It was given a Vote of Commendation at the Maryland Gladiolus Society Trial Garden in 1939. One enthusiastic fan wrote us, "What a color combination! Nothing one could say would be too much for this thing of beauty and charm." Another said, "Its rating is 100% with me." Still another, who won for the most beautiful glad at the New York World's Fair Show in 1939, said, "I personally consider it the most beautiful spike in my entire collection this past season." From Oregon comes this comment quite recently, "Shenandoah is a very different smoky. A fine performer and I think it will be very popular when well known." It makes plenty of bulblets, easy to germinate. Blooming time about 73 days.

Large size	— \$2.00 each	Medium	— \$1.50 each	Small	— \$1.00 each	Bulblets	— 25c each
Large size 10 for	\$15.00	Medium 10 for	\$12.00	Small — 10 for	\$9.00	Bulblets	\$10.00 per 100

LADY ASTOR

A clear orange salmon of the decorative type. Color is clean and attractive but it sometimes crooks and placement not always good. Won a first in the Recent Introduction Division at the Ohio State Show in 1939. One fan wrote, "Your Lady Astor was outstanding among all the new varieties that I bloomed this season. The coloring is wonderful; a mellow and soft color with a throat like a room done to the taste of an artist, with indirect lighting so that there are no harsh lines or spots." From a grower in Oregon, himself a very successful hybridist, we have this, "Lady Astor is really in a class by itself, being very different in color from anything I have seen." This variety multiplies rapidly. Blooming time, about 75 days. Parentage, Picardy x Fata Morgana.

Large size	— \$1.00 each	Medium	— \$.75 each	Small	— \$.50 each	Bulblets	— \$.15 each
Large size — 10 for	\$7.50	Medium 10 for	\$6.00	Small — 10 for	\$4.50	Bulblets	\$5.00 per 100

ROBERT E. LEE

This is a clear pink with violet red pencilling. Commercial type. In 1938 Legion Trial Gardens reported as follows: "Excellent spike and color. Took a spike to show in Wisconsin, entered in pink against very heavy competition. Won 2nd." In 1939 they said, "Just a little better again this year." It is not a world beater, of course, but a very consistent performer and a nice all around flower. Parentage, Picardy x unknown. Prices same as for Lady Astor.

We announce at this time another very outstanding seedling, 35P400, by Mr. Pearson. This won an Award of Merit at the Maryland Society Trial Garden in 1939. They reported as follows: "This seedling of the exhibition type produced fine spikes 49" high with 17 buds on 22" flower heads and eight $4\frac{1}{2}$ " florets open in the field. The color is clean and attractive, the spike straight and the placement good. Florets were slightly hooded, with red throat markings." Bloomed in 71 days. This will be released under name in 1941.

Mr. Pearson has grown thousands of his seedlings, but so far has not seen fit to introduce more than the three named above. There are many among them that are beautiful, some he will always grow for his own pleasure, but in one way or another they fail to measure up to show standards, or perhaps are not distinctive enough for dissemination.

We will be glad to receive your orders for any of the Pearson varieties as long as we can spare them, and promise to see that you get value received.



